

**SUBJECT: GREENHOUSE GAS TECHNOLOGY VERIFICATION CENTER
SECOND EXECUTIVE STAKEHOLDER MEETING**

DESC: The Environmental Technology Verification Program (ETV), in existence since 1995, is administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development. It is funded by Congress in response to the belief that there are many viable environmental technologies available that are underutilized due to the lack of credible third-party performance testing. Southern Research Institute operates one of twelve ETV Centers, the Greenhouse Gas Technology Verification Center (GHG Center), in partnership with the EPA's Air Pollution Prevention and Control Division. The mission of the GHG Center is to provide independent performance verification to vendors and others that need reliable performance information on greenhouse gas control technologies and emission monitoring devices. The GHG Center is currently verifying technologies that reduce methane emissions from oil and natural gas facilities. The Center is also considering the verification of technologies that mitigate sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆) emissions from circuit breakers and switchgear at electrical substations, and microturbines that produce on-site electricity. Southern Research Institute has established an Executive Stakeholder Group to help prioritize greenhouse gas technology areas for verification testing, develop operational guidelines, and specify verification testing strategies. The Executive Stakeholder group includes national and international experts in the areas of climate change science, policy, technology, and regulation, and also includes representative from industry trade organizations, technology vendors and buyers, environmental technology finance groups, and government organizations. The second meeting of the Executive Stakeholder group is scheduled for April 20, 1999 at the Hilton Crystal City at National Airport, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia. The meeting will begin at 8:30am EST and end at 4:30pm EST, and is open to the public (space is limited). If you are interested in attending, please contact Linda Beard, SRI, by fax at 919/403-0284.